

BOOK REVIEW

Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients

A joint publication of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and the American Pharmaceutical Association, 375 pages, hard-cover, 287x220 mm.

This book has had a protracted period of gestation. It finally became available in November 1986. Many of us have been waiting for it, in some cases with considerable impatience. Was it worth waiting for - undoubtedly, Yes.

Critics will undoubtedly be able to find errors, discrepancies or omissions in the book. However, overall this book is an amazing accomplishment. It will undoubtedly become recognized internationally as a standard book of reference. All those involved in the production of this book are to be congratulated. It is of course highly probable that the second edition will show changes in content and format. However, this book is a must for all industrial pharmacists and an essential purchase for any library which makes any pretension to cover pharmaceutical topics.

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Pharmacokinetics Processes and Mathematics

Peter C. Welling  
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Not another text on Pharmacokinetics, was this reviewer's first reaction to this book. However a quick examination of this book soon revealed that it was not just another text but a unique, well-prepared work likely to be of considerable value to both students and practitioners.

Dr. Welling writes with a clarity of style which allows him to explain quite complex abstract concepts persuasively and precisely. The book is supported by useful illustrations and appropriate references. Problems, with answers given in Appendix I, are a most useful aspect of the book. However, your reviewer must admit that he for one would have preferred model answers to be given so that the student who after hours of toil can not get the right answer can see how the problem should have been solved.

The index is satisfactory and a glossary of terms useful. Also in Appendix II Dr. Welling provides a list of symbols with their definitions.

This book is strongly recommended as a student text and it will also be useful to practitioners in industry or elsewhere, especially those whose background in pharmacokinetics is not as strong as is desirable.

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